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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CHIEF OF STATE

1. PL-ASE RELAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA:
2. QTE AS I TAKE UP MY DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I WANT TO ASSURE YOU OF THE UNITED STATES' GREAT INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF AFRICA AND MY DEDICATION TO DOING WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORT TO PROMOT: PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CONTINENT.
3. QTE MOST IMMEDIATELY YOU MAY BE SURE THAT THE UNITED

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STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CARRY ON THE EFFORTS ALREADY BEGUN TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE REGION. IN THE FUTURE WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE AND GOOD OFFICES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE BEST APPLIED TO ACCOMPLISH

THIS GOAL.

4. QTE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ASSUME THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BE AN EASY ONE. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE DIPLOMACY EVERY CHANCE TO WORK.

5. QTE I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SEPARATELY TO CONSULT ON FUTURE STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE, AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA'S DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. YOUR PAST ROLE AND THAT OF YOUR COUNTRY IN THE QUEST FOR A SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS ARE WELL-KNOWN OVER HERE. YOUR TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1975 WAS THE OCCASION FOR A FORCEFUL REMINDER OF THE URGENCY OF THESE ISSUES. IN VIEW OF THE ZAMBIAN RECORD ON THE PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA IT WAS ALSO APPROPRIATE THAT IT WAS IN YOUR CAPITAL LAST YEAR THAT MY COUNTRY ARTICULATED ITS RENEWED COMMITMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THE PURSUIT OF OUR COMMON GOALS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQTE
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